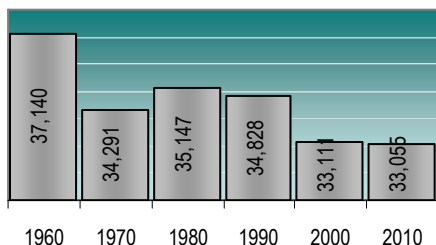


# Coös County

Coös County covers the top fifth of New Hampshire, sharing a 71-mile straight border with Maine to the east, an 85-mile border with Vermont to the west, and a 58-mile border with Canada to the north. Established in 1803, the county was named after the Indian word 'cowass' or 'kohass,' meaning 'crooked river' because of the bend in the Connecticut River. The White Mountain National Forest and Nash Stream State Forest cover a sizable portion of the county.

Coös County contains 1,795.0 square miles of land area and 35.1 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 18.4 persons per square mile. Coös County includes one city, Berlin, 19 towns, and 23 unincorporated places, 15 of which are unpopulated. The county seat is Lancaster.

**Population Trends:** Coös County claimed the smallest population among New Hampshire's ten counties in 2010, but it has held that position only since the 1990 Census. Prior to 1980, Belknap, Carroll, and Sullivan Counties all had fewer residents. Population in Coös County grew between 1950 and 1960, then experienced its greatest loss of population between 1960 and 1970, decreasing by 7.7 percent. After a small gain between 1970 and 1980, the county decreased in population over the next two decades. In 2010, decennial population change was nearly flat dropping by just 56 residents since 2000. Coös is the only county to decrease in population since the 1970 Census.



Population		(US Census Bureau)			
2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	
33,055	33,111	34,828	35,147	34,291	

Demographics			(US Census Bureau)	
By Gender:		Male	Female	
Total		16,802	16,253	
18 years and over		13,521	13,282	
65 years and over		2,873	3,526	
Median Age (years)		45.1	47.7	

By Age Group	Under age 5	1,463
	Age 5 to 19	5,473
	Age 20 to 34	4,752
	Age 35 to 54	6,399
	Age 55 to 64	5,287
	Age 65 and over	6,399
	Median Age (years)	46.4

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average		2000	2010
Civilian Labor Force		17,300	16,350
Employed		16,660	15,050
Unemployed		640	1,300
Unemployment Rate		3.7%	8.0%

## 2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Berlin	8.4%	Lancaster	6.2%
Carroll	5.6%	Milan	7.0%
Clarksville	8.6%	Northumberland	8.6%
Colebrook	8.7%	Pittsburg	8.5%
Columbia	5.5%	Randolph	5.4%
Dalton	8.8%	Shelburne	4.7%
Dummer	5.2%	Stark	10.4%
Errol	8.5%	Stewartstown	10.2%
Gorham	7.2%	Stratford	13.1%
Jefferson	5.2%	Whitefield	7.9%

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Berlin	Health care services	409
Mount Washington Hotel	Carroll	Hotel, restaurant, golf, etc.	350
Weeks Memorial Hospital	Lancaster	Health care services	320
Balsams Corp	Colebrook	Resort, ski area	320
Bretton Woods Ski Area	Carroll	Ski area	300
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Berlin	Education	280
Wal-Mart	Gorham	Retail store	278
Berlin City Dealerships	Gorham	Car sales, service	207
Santa's Village	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	200
Mountain View Grand	Whitefield	Hotel	200
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Berlin	Correctional facility	198
Isaacson Steel	Berlin	Steel fabricators	151
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Colebrook	Health care services	143
Gorham Paper & Tissue, LLC	Gorham	Manufacturing	140
City of Berlin	Berlin	Municipal services	125
White Mountain Regional High School	Whitefield	Education	122
Country Village Health Care	Lancaster	Health care services	112
Northern Human Services	Berlin	Behavioral health services	100
Morrison Nursing Home	Whitefield	Nursing home	97
Colebrook School District	Colebrook	Education	90
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Berlin	Home care	80
Coos County Family Health Services	Berlin	Health services	80
CarFreshner	Berlin	Manufacturing	75
Lancaster School	Lancaster	Education	70
Northway Bank (fka Berlin City Bank)	Berlin	Banking services	65
Perras Ace/Perras Lumber	Northumberland	Hardware store & lumber	60
Six Gun City	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	60
Royalty Health Club/Inn/Restaurant	Gorham	Health club, motel, restaurant	60
Town of Gorham	Gorham	Municipal services	59
Brown Street Furniture	Whitefield	Manufacturing of solid wood furniture	55

**Note:** All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	3,068	1,593	
Average Weekly Wage	\$683	\$745	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	8,464	8,384	
Average Weekly Wage	\$408	\$560	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	11,532	9,977	
Average Weekly Wage	\$481	\$590	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	2,541	2,855	
Average Weekly Wage	\$479	\$675	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	14,073	12,832	
Average Weekly Wage	\$481	\$609	

Income		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$22,743	
Median Family Income		\$50,622	
Median Household Income		\$40,902	
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$41,998	
	Female	\$28,939	
Families below poverty level		9.8%	

Commuting to Work		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Workers, 16 years and over		14,919	
Car, truck or van: drove alone		11,668	
Car, truck or van: carpooled		1,538	
Public transportation (excluding taxi)		41	
Walked		525	
Other means		317	
Worked at home		830	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)		23.6	
Percent of working residents:			
Working in county of residence		80.9%	
Commuting to some other NH county		12.6%	
Commuting out-of-state/country		6.5%	

Transportation			
Road Access	US Routes	2; 3; 302	
	State Routes	16; 26; 110; 110A; 110B; 115; 115A; 116; 135; 142; 145	
Nearest Interstates	I-93, Exits 35 or 36 (Franconia), Exits 40, 41 or 43 (Littleton); I-91, Exit 28 (Derby, Vermont); Aut-55 (Quebec)		
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines		
Lebanon Municipal		1	
Portland (Maine) International		7	
Manchester-Boston Regional		8	

**Educational Attainment** (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	24,709
Less than 9th grade	1,460
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,369
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,899
Some college, no degree	4,831
Associate's degree	2,438
Bachelor's degree	2,543
Graduate or professional degree	1,169

Percent high school graduates or higher	84.5%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	15.0%

**Educational and Child Care Facilities***School Districts:*

▪ Berlin (Grades K-12)	▪ Stark (Grades K-6)
▪ Colebrook (Grades K-12)	▪ Stewartstown (Grades K-8)
▪ Errol (Grades K-8)	▪ Stratford (Grades K-8)
▪ Gorham (Grades K-12)	▪ White Mountains Regional –
▪ Milan (Grades K-6)	Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson,
▪ Northumberland (Grades K-12)	Lancaster, Whitefield
▪ Pittsburg (Grades K-12)	(Grades K-12)

*Career Technology Centers:*

Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center (Berlin); Hugh  
Gallen Regional Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White  
Mountains Regional High School (Whitefield)

*Nearest Community College:* White Mountains, Berlin

*Nearest Colleges/Universities:*

Granite State College (Berlin or Littleton)  
Plymouth State University  
Lyndon State (Vermont)  
Bishop's University (Quebec)

**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2011**

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 23 Total Capacity: 1,110

**Nearest Hospitals** (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	25
Littleton Regional, Littleton	25
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	25

**Housing** ((2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	21,221
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	14,467
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3,174
Five or More Units in Structure	1,472
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,108

**Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics\***

YTD 2011 Median Sale Price, Residential \$75,950

**NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey\*\***

2011 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$665

**Property Tax Rates, 2010** (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Berlin	\$31.70	100.0	\$37.05
Carroll	\$12.28	112.5	\$13.74
Clarksville	\$13.07	100.0	\$11.87
Colebrook	\$19.80	109.6	\$21.84
Columbia	\$15.75	100.0	\$16.71
Dalton	\$18.20	108.5	\$19.71
Dummer	\$17.60	100.1	\$19.60
Errol	\$9.56	100.0	\$9.65
Gorham	\$23.95	110.2	\$28.74
Jefferson	\$15.76	100.0	\$15.73
Lancaster	\$18.52	109.6	\$20.30
Milan	\$15.59	100.0	\$16.31
Northumberland	\$25.34	110.2	\$26.22
Pittsburg	\$13.35	104.7	\$13.52
Randolph	\$14.59	113.1	\$16.09
Shelburne	\$14.23	110.8	\$15.98
Stark	\$15.91	100.0	\$15.63
Stewartstown	\$17.62	116.8	\$21.21
Stratford	\$20.00	117.9	\$24.20
Whitefield	\$19.82	110.9	\$22.28

**2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type,  
County Total**

Residential Land and Buildings	71.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	13.9%

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Town of Carroll, Selectmen's Office	PO Box 146 Twin Mountain NH	03595	P: 846-5754 F: 846-5713	info@twinmountain.com www.twinmountain.com	Selectmen: MTThF 8-3, W 12-3; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8:30-3 & 6-8, T-Th 8:30-3
Town of Clarksville	408 NH Route 145 Clarksville NH	03592	P: 246-7751 F: 246-3480	twnc Clark@yahoo.com not available	Selectmen meet Mondays 6-7; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 1-5, TTh 9-4, W 12:30-6:30, closed Fri
Town of Colebrook	17 Bridge Street Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-4142 F: 237-5069	donnacaron@myfairpoint.net www.colebrook-nh.com	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: M 8-4, W 1-3:30, TThF 8-3:30
Columbia Board of Selectmen	PO Box 157 Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-5255 F: 237-8270	towncolumbia@myfairpoint.net not available	MW 10-5, TF 8-3; closed Th
Dalton Board of Selectmen	756 Dalton Road Dalton NH	03598	P: 837-2092 F: 837-9642	selectmen@townofdalton.com www.townofdalton.com	Selectmen meet T 5:30; M 10-7, T 10-5, W 1-5
Dummer Board of Selectmen	75 Hill Road Dummer NH	03588	P: 449-2006 F: 449-2930	dummertownoffice@nhecwb.com not available	M 8-12, 1-2:30 & 6-7, TWTh 8-12 & 1- 2:30
Town of Errol	33 Main Street PO Box 100 Errol NH	03579- 0100	P: 482-3351 F: 482-3804	errolselectmen@gmail.com not available	Selectmen: M-Th 8:30-1:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-11, T 5-7:30, Th 8:30-11
Town of Gorham	20 Park Street Gorham NH	03581	P: 466-3322 F: 466-3100	info@gorhamnh.org www.gorhamnh.org	Selectmen, Town Manager: M-F 8-5; Assessing: M-Th 7-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:30-4:30
Town of Jefferson	PO Box 81 Jefferson NH	03583	P: 586-4553 F: not available	hjeffersontown@ne.rr.com www.jeffersonnh.org	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 8-3, F 8-12; Town Clerk: M 1:30-4:30, T 9-11:30, Th 3-7
Town of Lancaster	25 Main Street Lancaster NH	03584	P: 788-3391 F: 788-2114	info@lancasternh.org www.lancasternh.org	M-Th 8:30-5, F 8:30-4:30
Milan Board of Selectmen	PO Box 300 Milan NH	03588	P: 449-2484 F: 449-2142	townofmilan@netzero.net www.townofmilan.org	Selectmen: M 8-3 & 7-8, T-Th 8-3; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-12, 1-4 & 6-8, T-Th 9-12 & 1-4:30
Town of Northumberland	10 Station Square Groveton NH	03582	P: 636-1450 F: 636-6098	northumberlandaa@yahoo.com Under Construction	Selectmen's Office: MTWF 8-4, Th 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8:30-4, Th 8-12
Town of Pittsburg	1526 Main Street Pittsburg NH	03592	P: 538-6697 F: 538-6697	not available www.pittsburg-nh.com	M-F 8:30-12 & 1-4:30
Town of Randolph	130 Durand Road Randolph NH	03593	P: 466-5771 F: 466-9856	TownClerk@Randolph.nh.gov http://randolph.nh.gov	Selectmen's Secretary: M-F 8:30-12:30; Town Clerk: M 9-11, W 7-9; Tax Collector: by appointment
Town of Shelburne	74 Village Road Shelburne NH	03581	P: 466-2262 F: 466-5271	townofshelburnnh@gmail.com www.shelburnnh.com	Admin. Assist.: Open daily by appointment; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: T 3-7, F 2-5
Stark Board of Selectmen	1189 Stark Hwy Stark NH	03582	P: 636-2118 F: 636-6199	starktwnof@nhecwb.com not available	MTTh 8-4, WF 8-12
Town of Stewartstown	PO Box 119 W Stewartstown NH	03597	P: 246-3329 F: 246-3329	not available not available	Selectmen/Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-4 & 6-8, T 9-2, W-F 9-4
Town of Stratford	10 Common Road PO Box 366 N Stratford NH	03590- 0366	P: 922-5533 F: 922-3317	stratfordnh@gmail.com www.stratfordnh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 9-12 & 1-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 3-7, T 10- 12 & 1-4, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat., 8-12, other hours by appointment
Whitefield Economic Development Corp.	Selectmen's Office 7 Jefferson Road Whitefield NH	03598	P: 837-2551 F: 837-3148	townofwhitefield@ne.rr.com www.whitefieldnh.org	MWThF 9-4, T 9-6

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